

C⁵ the client 140a, which will use the information to display a toolbar having the designated set of toolbar controls.

In the claims:

Please amend claims 1-2, 6, 18-19, 27-29, 34, 46-47, 55, and 58-60 as follows:

C⁶ 1. A method of regulating user interface controls, the method comprising:
receiving a user identity for a user;
accessing a maturity level for the user in a database based on the user identity;
automatically associating a grouping with the user identity by selecting a grouping from among a plurality of groupings based on the maturity level for the user; and
automatically providing a set of user interface controls corresponding to the identified grouping, the set of user interface controls including a toolbar.

C⁷ 2. The method of claim 1, in which automatically providing the set of user interface controls comprises displaying the set as a bank of controls.

C⁸ 6. The method of claim 1, wherein automatically providing the set of user interface controls comprises changing an existing collection of user interface controls.

18. The method of claim 1, wherein associating the grouping comprises determining the grouping based on the received user identity.

C⁹ 19. The method of claim 1, wherein receiving a user identity comprises receiving the user identity via a network connection..

C¹⁰ 27. The method of claim 1, wherein automatically providing the set of user interface controls comprises receiving information from a remote site describing the set.

28. A method of producing a toolbar having user interface controls, the method comprising:

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receiving a user identity for a user over a network connection;
accessing a maturity level for the user in a database based on the user identity;
automatically associating a grouping with a user identity by selecting a grouping from a plurality of groupings based on the maturity level for the user;
determining the groupings associated with the received user identity; and
using the determined grouping to automatically produce a toolbar having user interface controls, the user interface controls included in the toolbar being based on the maturity level for the user.

29. A computer program, residing on a computer-readable medium, comprising instructions for causing a computer to:

receive a user identity for a user;
access a maturity level for the user in a database based on the user identity;
automatically associate a grouping with the user identity by selecting a grouping from among a plurality of groupings based on the maturity level for the user; and
automatically provide a set of user interface controls corresponding to the identified grouping, the set of user interface controls including a toolbar.

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34. The computer program of claim 29, wherein the instructions that cause the computer to automatically provide the set of user interface controls comprise instructions for causing a computer to change an existing collection of user interface controls.

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46. The computer program of claim 29, wherein the instructions that cause the computer to automatically associate the grouping comprise instructions for causing the computer to automatically determine the grouping based on the received user identity.

C¹³ 47. The computer program of claim 29, wherein the instructions for causing a computer to receive a user identity comprise instructions for causing a computer to receive the user identity via a network connection.

C¹⁴ 55. The computer program of claim 29, wherein the instructions that cause the computer to automatically provide the set of user interface controls comprise instructions that cause the computer to transmit information to a remote site describing the set of controls.

58. The method of claim 1, wherein automatically associating a grouping with the user identity comprises automatically associating a grouping with a user identity as defined by a master user.

C¹⁵ 59. The method of claim 28, wherein automatically associating a grouping with a user identity comprises automatically associating a grouping with a user identity as defined by a master user.

60. The method of claim 29, wherein instructions for causing a computer to automatically associate a grouping with the user identity comprises the associating of a grouping with a user identity as defined by a master user.

[Please add claims 61-78.]

C¹⁶ →61. A method for producing a customized user interface comprising:
defining a set of groups based upon user characteristics;
associating a pre-defined and pre-stored user interface with each group;
receiving an identity for a user, the identity being unique to the user;
associating the received identity with a group based upon a characteristic of the user corresponding to the received identity; and
displaying the pre-defined and pre-stored user interface corresponding to the group associated with the identity.

62. The method of claim 61, wherein the groups comprise groups based on user maturity.

63. The method of claim 62, wherein user maturity comprises a kids maturity.

64. The method of claim 62, wherein user maturity comprises a teenagers maturity.

65. The method of claim 61, wherein the groups comprise groups based on access levels to network service provider services.

66. The method of claim 65, wherein the network service provider services comprise e-mail.

C16 67. The method of claim 65, wherein the network service provider services comprise network browsing.

68. The method of claim 65, wherein the network service provider services comprise chat sessions.

69. The method of claim 61, wherein the groups comprise groups based on services that the user is permitted to access.

70. The method of claim 61, wherein user characteristics comprise age.

71. A computer program for producing a customized user interface, the computer program comprising instructions for:

defining a set of groups based upon user characteristics;
associating a pre-defined and pre-stored user interface with each group;
receiving an identity for a user, the identity being unique to the user;

associating the received identity with a group based upon a characteristic of the user corresponding to the received identity; and

displaying the pre-defined and pre-stored user interface corresponding to the group associated with the identity.

72. The computer program of claim 71, wherein the groups comprise groups based on user maturity.

73. The computer program of claim 71, wherein the groups comprise groups based on services that the user is permitted to access.

74. The computer program of claim 71, wherein user characteristics comprise age.

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75. A system for producing a customized user interface comprising:
means for defining a set of groups based upon user characteristics;
means for associating a pre-defined and pre-stored user interface with each group;
means for receiving an identity for a user, the identity being unique to the user;
means for associating the received identity with a group based upon a characteristic of the user corresponding to the received identity; and
means for displaying the pre-defined and pre-stored user interface corresponding to the group associated with the identity.

76. The system of claim 75, wherein the groups comprise groups based on user maturity.

77. The system of claim 75, wherein the groups comprise groups based on services that the user is permitted to access.

78. The system of claim 75, wherein user characteristics comprise age. ~